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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A process of treating a fabric selected from the group consisting of: carpets, upholstery, rugs, and curtains, said process comprising contacting a carpet, upholstery, rug, or curtain with a composition comprising an activated zeolite and a surfactant, wherein said activated zeolite removes at least one of the following from said fabric: at least a portion of a spot, at least a portion of a stain, or at least some malodors.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

3. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein said composition comprising an activated zeolite is a solid composition.
4. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein said composition comprising an activated zeolite comprises up to 50% by weight of the total composition of an activated zeolite.
5. (Original) The process of Claim 1 comprising one or more of the following steps:
 - applying said composition comprising an activated zeolite onto said fabric;
 - leaving said composition to act on said fabric; and
 - removing said composition from said fabric.
6. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein said composition comprising an activated zeolite additionally comprises a solvent.
7. (Original) A process according to claim 6 wherein said solvent is selected from the group consisting of aliphatic and/or aromatic alcohol, glycol ethers and derivatives thereof, and polyols and mixtures thereof.

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8. (Original) A process according to claim 6 wherein said composition comprising an activated zeolite additionally comprises up to 90% by weight of the total composition of a solvent.
9. (Original) A process according to Claim 3 wherein said composition comprising an activated zeolite additionally comprises at least one of the following: a silica, a microcrystalline cellulose, and a cellulose or a derivative thereof.
10. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein said composition comprising an activated zeolite is applied onto said fabric in combination with a second composition.
11. (Original) A process according to Claim 10 wherein said second composition comprises at least one of the following:
 - a carpet treatment composition;
 - a composition comprising ingredients selected from the group consisting of: water; and polar solvents, such as ethanol, methanol, acetone; and mixtures thereof.
12. (Original) A process according to claim 10 wherein heat is generated upon contact of said composition comprising an activated zeolite and said second composition.
13. (Original) A process according to Claim 12 wherein said heat generation takes place upon the fabric to be treated.
14. (Previously Presented) A kit comprising (a) a composition comprising an activated zeolite and (b) a cleaning composition.
15. (Original) A kit comprising (a) a composition comprising an activated zeolite and (b) a set of instructions to use said composition in a process according to Claim 1.
16. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said contacting said carpet, upholstery, rug, or curtain with said composition comprising an activated zeolite comprises applying said composition onto said carpet, upholstery, rug, or curtain in one of the following manners: spraying, pouring, scattering.

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17. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said carpet, upholstery, rug, or curtain is treated and remains in place during treatment.
18. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1 wherein said carpet, upholstery, rug, or curtain is contacted by said composition, rather than being immersed in an aqueous bath containing said composition.